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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION KUWAIT, INFO TEHRAN, JAN 18, FROM
SECSTATE RPTD TO YOU:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 012792

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, IZ, IR
SUBJECT: HAWK MISSILES IN IRAN
REF: (A) BAGHDAD 19; (B) TEHRAN 289 AND 392
KUWAIT POUCH BAGHDAD FOR ACTION

1. FYI. FIRST SHIPMENT OPERATIONAL HAWKS ARRIVED IRANIAN
PORT DECEMBER 9 BUT WERE NOT IN OPERATIONAL STATUS AT TIME
OF SHOOTING DOWN OF IRAQI PLANES DECEMBER 14/15. HAWKS
SEEN IN DECEMBER 12 PARADE ACTUALLY TRAINERS WITHOUT WAR-
HEAD OR ENGINE; THEY ARE NON-FLYING, USED ONLY FOR TRAIN-
ING IN LOADING LAUNCHERS. IN ANY CASE, DOD SAYS HAWK DE-
PLOYMENT, INSTALLATION, TARGETTING, ETC., WOULD HAVE BEEN
PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO ACCOMPLISH WITHIN DECEMBER 9-14
TIMESPAN UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES OF TERRAIN AND DISTANCES IN-
VOLVED IN SHOOTING DOWN OF IRAQI PLANES. THUS WHILE OUR
DECEMBER 17 PRESS STATEMENT DID NOT DRAW DISTINCTION
CLEARLY BETWEEN ARRIVAL IN COUNTRY AND DELIVERY TO IRANIANS,
IT IS CORRECT TO SAY THAT HAWKS COULD NOT HAVE BEEN USED
IN SHOOTING DOWN OF IRAQI PLANES. END FYI.

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2. IF YOU THINK USEFUL, YOU MAY INFORM IRAQI FOREIGN MINIS-

TRY THAT HAWKS THAT APPEARED IN IRANIAN PARADE DECEMBER 12
WERE TRAINING DEVICES NOT RPT NOT OPERATIONAL HAWK MIS-
SILES, AND THAT HAWK MISSILES WHICH WE ARE SUPPLYING TO IRAN
COULD NOT HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN DECEMBER 14/15 INCIDENTS. KISSINGER
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